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A word from our Commanders

SECDEF's Memorial Day message

Every Memorial Day, Americans across this great land of ours gather with family and friends to celebrate the memory and to honor the sacrifice of those who have died defending our freedom.

And it is important that we do so, for only by remembering how great their sacrifice was, can we truly appreciate how dear a price has been paid for our freedom.

This year, we remember not only the heroes of the past, those who battled the evils of their times – totalitarianism and communism – but the heroes of the present – your comrades – who fell fighting the latest form of tyranny, the tyranny of terrorism.

In Afghanistan, and later in Iraq, these heroes died defending their families and ours, and protecting our homeland from murder and attack. They died to deny weapons of mass murder to the perpetrators and the protectors of terrorist activities. They died to help free the world from the grip of a vicious foe, so that our children and theirs can continue to live as we have always lived – in freedom.

In doing so, they demonstrated, beyond any doubt, that America does have the ability to meet any threat to our security, the will to confront our enemies before they strike, and the resolve to hunt down, capture and bring to justice the purveyors of terrors, no matter how long it takes.

For that, they will be remembered for-

ever in the hearts and minds of their countrymen. As the Civil War poet, Theodore O'Hara, wrote in his famous work, "The Bivouac of the Dead," "Nor shall your glory be forgot while Fame her record keeps, or Honor points the hallowed spot where Valor proudly sleeps."

In that spirit, I urge all Americans this Memorial Day to join together at 3:00 p.m. for a national Moment of Remembrance, in honor of those who have died to make our freedom possible.

I urge them as well to remember in their thoughts and prayers, those prisoners of war and those missing in action from earlier wars, and all our military men and women on duty around the world today who sacrifice, along with their families, to protect our American way of life.

I thank you for all you do for our nation and for the world. God bless you, and God bless America.



*Secretary of Defense,
Donald Rumsfeld*

Seaman to Admiral deadline nears

By Todd Willebrand
NTC Great Lakes

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — The Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) commissioning program is soliciting applications for fiscal year 2004.

The deadline for applications is July 1, 2003. The selection board will meet during September 2003, and the names of selectees will be announced by Navy administrative message (NAVADMIN) in October 2003.

The STA-21 program is the Navy's newest enlisted commissioning program that allows qualified Sailors to receive a college education and become commissioned officers in the following communities: Nuclear, Aviation (pilot and naval flight officer), Surface Warfare, Special Operations, Special Warfare, Nurse Corps, Supply Corps, Special Duty Officer (intelligence and cryptologic) and Civil Engineer Corps.

STA-21 consolidates all officer applications for specific communities into one, making it easier for Sailors to apply for one program. STA-21 selectees will spend eight weeks in Newport, R.I., as a student at the Naval Science Institute (NSI) and some will spend three to six months of academic preparation as a BOOST stu-

dent prior to NSI training.

The STA-21 program makes college extremely cost effective for Sailors.

The program allots up to \$10,000 per year to the Sailors, to be used for tuition, books and fees incurred by a student attending college full-time for the entire year. This sum will cover the total costs of many of the NROTC colleges/universities that STA-21 students are authorized to attend.

In addition to the \$10,000 a year voucher, Sailors receive their basic pay and Basic Allowance for Housing, are eligible for advancement, and many will be eligible for fleet housing units, as well.

Although Sailors are not eligible for Tuition Assistance or GI Bill benefits as an STA-21 undergraduate student, they can use these benefits later for graduate school.

In short, students can attend school for free (in most cases), and enjoy their active-duty pay and benefits. In addition, the Navy gets new officers faster than ever, and the streamlined process saves money across the board. Approximately 505 Sailors will study in Newport each year before going to their prospective schools.

For the complete list of requirements, see OPNAVINST 1420.1A, NAVADMIN 106/03 or visit the STA-21 Web site at <https://www.sta-21.navy.mil>.



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From our Fleet

Pascagoula ships participate in Fleet Week

By Fleet Week Public Affairs
New York City

Fleet Week, New York City's 16th annual celebration of the maritime services, officially kicked-off at noon today with the traditional Parade of Ships. Fourteen ships representing four countries sailed down the Hudson River to their moorings at the Manhattan piers and Staten Island's Stapleton piers to commence the week-long event.

Military honors were an important part of the Parade as traditional 21-gun salutes were offered to HMS Endurance (AGOB 171), a British ice patrol ship; and INS Tarangani (AXS 2), the Indian tall ship; and a one-gun salute to USS Oak Hill (LSD 51) as the lead ship of the event, from Fort Hamilton's four-gun battery. All ships paid honor to the site of the World Trade Center by calling for a hand salute of all Sailors topside as the ships passed the site.

The misty cold weather made the day inhospitable and kept away all but a few dozen die hard enthusiasts at Battery Park who came to watch the ships pass in front of the Statue of Liberty.

Dan Lorenz, a New York resident, brought his two children, Meagan, 10, and Alex, 9, who were wearing command ball caps of USS Ross (DDG 71) and USS Nicholson (DD 982), to see the ships. Lorenz, a boat enthusiast, had attended Fleet Week five consecutive years and had no intention of missing his sixth.

"I enjoy Fleet Week, every year, and I wanted to come out and show my support for the troops," he said. Meagan though, just thought it was "cool to see all the big ships."

All of the ships participating in the Parade will be open to the public for free visiting beginning at 1:00 p.m. from



U.S. Navy Photo by IT2 Rodney Williams, NMCRC St. Louis

USS Yorktown (CG 48) participates in New York City's Fleet Week 2003 Parade of Ships steaming up the Hudson River to its berthing at Manhattan Pier 88. The Yorktown and the USS Stephen W. Groves are taking part in this year's Fleet Week activities, through Memorial Day weekend.

Thursday, May 22 and every day through Tuesday, May 27. The lines will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Tuesday, and will remain open an extra hour – until 6 p.m. throughout the Memorial

weekend: on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

I think Fleet Week's great every year," said Thomas Sandewicz, of Queens, "and when the Navy ships come in it adds a little excitement to the

area. I look forward to it every year. I plan to go up to the piers to visit the ships one of the days this weekend.

More than 150,000 other visitors are expected to attend this year's event as well.

Groves Sailors help the less fortunate

By JO2 Leif R. HerrGesell
Fleet Week Public Affairs

Despite the drizzle and cool temperatures Officers and Sailors of the USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29) headed to midtown Manhattan Thursday morning to begin their liberty by serving others. The church of the Holy Apostle located at 28th Street and 9th Avenue serves a hot lunch to twelve hundred hungry, disadvantaged, New Yorkers, and the Sailors assisted in the church's efforts.

At approximately 11 a.m., the ship's volunteers were assigned duties in both the serving area and the dining room, which is also the main chapel.

Holy Apostle church is more than 200 years old and was a former Underground Railroad stop for runaway slaves in the years before the



U.S. Navy Photo by JO2 Leif HerrGesell, NMCRC Rochester

Command Master Chief on the USS Stephen W. Groves, CDMC(SW) Herb Marshall, serves up hot lunches to the disadvantaged at Holy Apostle soup kitchen in Mid-town Manhattan.

Civil War. The historic church is now the home of a small congregation and an important mid-town soup kitchen and outreach center.

Like Sailors and Marines, the people of Holy Apostle have long believed in freedom and service to others.

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From our Fleet

Decisive returns after successful patrol

By LTJG Jamie Pendergrass
USCGC Decisive PAO

PASCAGOULA, MS – USCGC Decisive returned to her homeport of Pascagoula on Friday, May 23, after completing a seven-week Maritime Homeland Security, Alien Migrant Interdiction and Counter Drug deployment for the Coast Guard Greater Antilles Section headquartered in Puerto Rico.

Decisive departed Pascagoula on April 7 and made the four-day transit to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The first week of the patrol was spent conducting Maritime Homeland Security near San Juan Bay. The next six weeks of the patrol were dedicated to Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations (AMIO) and Counter-Drug Operations.

While in transit to Puerto Rico, Decisive found seven northbound sailing vessels, or sail freighters, that are common in the waters north of Haiti. The sail freighters normally leave the north coast of Haiti and sail to the Bahamas to trade goods including food and charcoal. The cutter conducted boardings on all seven vessels and found that many of the crewmembers onboard were actually intending to illegally migrate to the U.S. All seven vessels were returned to Haiti following the boardings.

During the Homeland Security portion of the patrol, Decisive identified all commercial shipping entering and leaving San Juan Bay and conducted boardings on ships determined to be of interest. Cargo, last port of call, and vessel and crew nationality are used to determine if a vessel is of high interest. A Coast Guard boarding team must clear a high interest vessel before it can enter U.S. waters. Decisive conducted eight boardings and one escort during this phase of the patrol.



Photo by Stacey Byington

ET3 Gordon Hart is welcomed home by his daughters, Marissa (in his arms) and Emily, and his wife, Cynthia. Hart is a member of the crew of USCGC Decisive which returned to Pascagoula May 23.

After a week on station near San Juan, the cutter steamed west to patrol the area between the eastern coast of the Dominican Republic and the western coast of Puerto Rico, known as the Mona Pass. During the next six weeks of the patrol, the cutter responded to five alien interdiction cases and four search and rescue cases.

One of the Coast Guard's many missions is to enforce immigration laws at sea. The Coast Guard interdicts undocumented migrants at sea, denying them entry to the U.S., its territories and possessions. Interdicting migrants at sea, and returning them to their country of origin, saves the U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars each year and helps to support legal migration systems. Interdiction also serves to deter mass migrations that could quickly overwhelm enforcement and social service resources. Most migrant vessels are dangerously overloaded,

not seaworthy or otherwise unsafe. So far in FY03, the Coast Guard has interdicted more than 2,800 illegal migrants, many of whom would not have otherwise survived their journey.

All of the 178 migrants that Decisive rescued during the patrol left the Dominican Republic in hopes of reaching the shores of Puerto Rico. Migrants from the Dominican Republic usually leave in small overloaded boats, known locally as yolas. Decisive intercepted two large groups with 84 and 62 migrants respectively, and three smaller ones with four, six, and 22 migrants respectively. The migrants were usually repatriated to the Dominican Republic shortly after intercept.

While conducting migrant interdiction operations, the cutter worked with several Dominican naval vessels and hosted a Dominican naval officer as a liaison. On two occasions, Decisive rendez-

voused with the Dominican Patrol Boat Sirius, an ex-Coast Guard 82-ft. patrol boat, transferring 28 migrants to her for their return to the Dominican Republic. In the last weeks of the patrol Decisive conducted joint operations with the Dominican Patrol Boat Anteres, another ex-Coast Guard 82-ft. patrol boat, along the northeast coast of the Dominican Republic.

Decisive was also involved in counter narcotics operations. A Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment Team (LEDET) embarked in the Dutch Frigate HMNLs Bloys Van Treslong seized the M/V Benilove after discovering 60 kilograms of cocaine aboard. Decisive rendezvoused with the Van Treslong and relieved her of her escort duties. An 11-man boarding team from Decisive, along with the boarding officer from the LEDET, served as the custody crew and sailed the M/V Benilove to Ponce, Puerto Rico, where custody of the vessel and contraband was transferred to U.S. Customs.

The 60 kg of cocaine has an estimated wholesale value, in the United States, of \$1.2 million. The Coast Guard has seized more than 38,000 pounds of cocaine so far this year.

Decisive is a 210-ft. medium endurance cutter commanded by Commander Kurt A. Van Horn. The ship's company consists of 12 officers and 70 enlisted crewmembers. During the patrol, three crewmembers were advanced to the next higher pay grade and two Good Conduct Medals were awarded. After this patrol Decisive will say goodbye to 19 of its crewmembers, 18 of whom will be moving on to other Coast Guard assignments and one who will return to civilian life.

Around the Homeport

Couples renew vows at spouse appreciation celebration



CAPT James Martin, Commander, Destroyer Squadron 6, leads the assembled company in the military spouse affirmation, a tribute to military spouses everywhere. Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. It is part of National Military Appreciation Month, which also observes Memorial Day, Victory Day and Armed Forces Week.



Comedian Jeff Allen, well known for saying, 'A happy wife is a happy life,' had everyone laughing, using his family as comedic examples.



MS2(SW) Kevin Kubiak, left, and BM2(SW) Richard Davis helped prepare and serve the food during the social hour.

About the cover: *Danielle and Michael Aranda, and Jose and Myriam Loya, were among the many Navy couples who took part in a renewal of vows ceremony Friday, May 9, as part of a Military Spouse Appreciation celebration. The program, sponsored locally by Naval Station Pascagoula and its Fleet and Family Support Center, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation department, was held at Cracker Jack's, the military club at the Lakeside Inn complex on Chicot Road in Pascagoula.*

Photos by Stacey Byington

Around the Homeport

Navy spouse is named Parent of the Year

By JO2 Renee Johnson
Public Affairs Office

Due to their transient lifestyle, military spouses seldom get any recognition for the many hours they volunteer in area schools and communities. But for one Naval Station Pascagoula wife, that effort has led to recognition at the state congressional level and throughout the state.

Earlier this year, Tiffany Dixon-Henry, was selected as the Martin Bluff Elementary School Parent of the Year. Mrs. Henry is the wife of BMC(SW) Derrick Henry, the naval station's First Division leading chief petty officer. She was then selected as the Pascagoula School District Parent of the Year, and then as the Parent of the Year for the state congressional district.

"Each school in the district chose a Parent of the Year and Martin Bluff Elementary School picked me," said Dixon-Henry. The Henry's 9-year-old daughter, Megan, attends Martin Bluff Elementary.

Mrs. Henry is president of the Martin Bluff Elementary Parent/Teacher Association and is an active member of Pascagoula Association of Education Office Professionals (PAEOP), Mississippi Association of Education Office Professionals (MAEOP), and the National Association of Education Office Professionals (NAEOP).

"I guess I got the nomination because of my volunteer work at Martin Bluff School and my involvement in other educational organizations, but I still don't really know for sure," said Dixon-Henry, who is now in competition for Parent of the Year for the State of Mississippi.

Although Dixon-Henry may not know why she was chosen, one person has no doubts.

"Mrs. Henry has supported



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

Tiffany Dixon-Henry and other members of the Martin Bluff Elementary School Parent/Teachers Association discuss future planning issues. Dixon-Henry is president of the the Martin Bluff PTA. She was named as the school's Parent of the Year.

every aspect of school life. She is an outstanding parent, a strong supporter of academics and a great volunteer," said Cynthia Jackson, principal of Martin Bluff Elementary. "She has helped in many ways including putting together our school's yearbook, organizing both our Christmas carnival and teachers' appreciation luncheon.

"Tiffany is a good model for other parents and she has been a good friend," she added.

Gwendolyn Beard, principal at College Park Elementary School, where Dixon-Henry works full-time as the school's secretary, also speaks highly of the Parent of the Year nominee.

"I certainly think she deserves it. Tiffany is a hard worker who is dedicated and committed," said Beard. "If she starts something, you don't have to worry about it because

she is going to finish it, most always in a state of excellence.

"In addition to all that she does here, she still found time to be extremely busy and visible at Martin Bluff Elementary School," added Beard. "Even though she was the parent of the year for Martin Bluff, we claim it too, because she is ours."

Dixon-Henry has had a huge impact on both teachers and students at Martin Bluff.

"We raised \$1,800 which we used to purchase a laminator for the school and an additional \$500 for more physical education equipment during this past school-year," she said.

"When I walk in the building, I hear the kids say, 'Mrs. Tiffany is here,' and it seem to spread through the building," said Dixon-Henry. "They love it when any parent comes in."

She has received a great deal

of support from her husband.

"I am proud to have Tiffany as my wife," said Chief Henry. "She has helped support me in my Naval career, and I am proud that she was selected as Parent of the Year."

Dixon-Henry places motherhood as her top priority.

"I'm a parent that likes to be involved in what my daughter is doing," she said. "If you don't know what's going on, you can't be there to help. That's my main reason for volunteering.

"I like being a Navy wife, but I am a mom first. That's my purpose for doing the things that I do," said Dixon-Henry. "I am still kind of floored about being named Parent of the Year. I would do what I do regardless.

"Meagan is important and being her mom is my first priority."

Around the Homeport



Donuts -- Chocolate Ty, left, an on-air talent from WBUV 104.9 FM, Biloxi, looks on as FFSC staff members dig into a box of donuts delivered by the radio station. Tamara Marks, FFSC family advocacy program clerk and data processing technician, entered FFSC into the radio station's office donut drop contest. She was surprised when she received a phone call the next morning that her office would receive the free donuts. The delivery was announced live on the radio.

Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

Flag ceremony -- Sailors from SIMA perform the 'passing the flag' ceremony at College Park Elementary School in Gautier.

NAVSTA 'Bravo Zulus'

**Sailor of the Year
Navy/Marine Corps
Achievement Medal:
MS1(SW) Walter Coghlan**

**30 years Federal Service:
JoeAnn Calvin**

**Junior Sailor of the Year
Navy/Marine Corps
Achievement Medal:
PC2 Angela Morgan**

**15 years Federal Service:
Johnny R. Mitchell**

**Navy/Marine Corps
Achievement Medal:
EN1(SW) Daniel Ring
LN2 Jacqueline Rogers
BU3(SW) Chris Stambaugh**

**Senior Sailor
of the Quarter:
MA1(SW) Zachary Loper**

**Junior Sailor
of the Quarter:
OS2(SW) Demetric Cobbins**

**Bluejacket
of the Quarter:
MS3(SCW) Misty McMasters**

**Civilian of the Quarter:
Johnny S. Finch**

**40 years Federal Service:
Freddie A. Blair**

**35 years Federal Service:
Richard P. Dunn**

**On the Spot
Cash Awards:**
Bob Balsan
Beverly Bolden
Gregory Buchanan
Anthony Cothorn
Carolyn Crumpton
Charles Dale
Lloyd Driver
Richard Dunn
Johnny Finch
Joseph Fletcher
David Gooch
Aimee Holcomb
Phyllis James
Gwen Leeman
Carolyn McCorvey
James McGrath
Johnny Meadows
Stephen Medeiros
Andrew Moore
Friedrich Paetow
Tommie Robbins
Brian Silas
Keith Stelljes
Miles Stepp
Sara Stockfleth
Roy Tisdale
Derrick Walley
Donna Wilgus

Around the Homeport

Fathers reflect on Father's Day feelings

By JO2 Renee Johnson
Public Affairs Office

With Father's Day quickly approaching (June 15), many may be thinking of ways to show their dads just how much they mean to them.

No one knows for sure the origin of this holiday, but some believe it began because of Sonora Smart's love for her father. Her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, lost his wife while she was giving birth, leaving behind Sonora and her five siblings.

Smart, who lived on a rural farm in Washington State, had to raise six children including a newborn by himself. As an adult, Sonora realized all her father sacrificed.

There are many others who share similar stories, some here at Naval Station Pascagoula. One of those is BMCM (SW) Allen Herman, NAVSTA's Security officer.

"My mom died when I was 10-years-old and there were five kids at home. My dad raised all of us and he did not re-marry until after I joined the Navy. He's my hero," said Herman.

"I know I could never do what he did. If I can even be close to the type of father to my daughter as my father was to us, I could show her some of what my dad showed me." He added.

Being in the military can sometimes be difficult by itself, but fathers serving their country in the U.S. Navy face some unique challenges.

OSCS(SW) Todd Trayer has spent the past three years onboard the USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51) as operations intelligence LCPO. His ship spends an average of eight months out of the year at sea. He is the father of six children aged between 1 and 17.

"You have a lot of commitments even when you are in



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

OSCS(SW) Todd Trayer poses with his six children outside his home in Gautier. Trayer, a crewmember of the USS Thomas S. Gates (CG 51), believes the sacrifices he makes now will make his family better in the future.

port. You have your duty section every six days and training commitments," said Trayer.

"I think the biggest difference with a normal family is that you have two parents and one way to do things. When I am not on the ship I try to teach my children things my way, but when I'm gone for months at a time, my wife has to step into the father's portion, which causes fluctuation in consistency," he added.

"Even though it's hard on the parents, it's even harder on the children, Trayer said. "Although I have to make sacrifices as a Sailor, the children sacrifice the most. Even though it is a tough life being in the Navy and raising children, the sacrifices I make now will be better for our family in the long run."

MACS(SW) Daryl Wilson, NAVSTA Pascagoula's assistant security officer leading

chief petty officer, had some words of advice for other fathers. He is a single father who has raised three children, now aged 21, 20 and 16.

"Be fair and impartial," he said. "You have to listen and ask questions. Teach your children that honesty is the best policy, and you must be honest with them also."

Everyone has their own idea of what a father is.

"Father's Day to me is special," said EM2(SW) Michael Wilson of SIMA, who has a 2-year-old daughter. "There is a difference between a daddy and a father. Anybody can be a 'Pa Pa,' but a father will love his child no matter whether the child is wrong or right."

Wilson believes a father is the backbone of his children.

"A father instills in his child to be their very best and teaches them discipline," he added.

GM1(SW) Patrick Hollingsworth, NAVSTA Pascagoula's weapons department leading petty officer, believes Father's Day isn't about gifts.

"You really can't measure anything by a gift," Hollingsworth said. "It's the expression that you see on your child's face when you walk in the house each day. That's the best gift to me. I don't need material things."

Hollingsworth has been a single father to his 9-year-old daughter since the death of his wife two years ago.

"Just hearing my child say, 'Daddy, I love you' or 'You are the best dad in the world,' that is all I need," he said.

For those still trying to find that perfect Father's Day gift, remember, there isn't a price tag on the words you can say freely.

"Happy Father's Day to all fathers," said Hollingsworth.

Around the Homeport

Frocking -- MS3Kali Bolton is congratulated by Chip Peaks after being frocked to her current rate. Petty Officer Bolton currently works at the Learning Resource Center. Other NAVSTA Pascagoula personnel advanced from the March 2003 exam include BM2 Lennox Lewis, MS2(SW) Misty McMasters, and MA3 Crystal Escamilla.

Photo by Tamara Marks



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

Color Guard -- NAVSTA Pascagoula's Color Guard participates in 'Sounds by the Sea' May 26.



Photo by JO2 Renee Johnson

Luncheon -- CDR Rodelio Laco, commanding officer of USS Stephen W. Groves (FF 29), and other guests at the recent Asian-Pacific Heritage luncheon, had the opportunity to indulge themselves and sample many Asian cuisines. CDR Laco was the event's guest speaker. He spoke with pride of his father's military service and the hardships suffered by Philipinos during World War II. The luncheon was hosted by the heritage committees of Naval Station Pascagoula, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair.

Around the Homeport

CONSEP helps prepare Sailors for future

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

Years ago, Sailors made decisions whether to stay in the Navy, or get out and pursue a civilian career, based on whether the detailer could give them the set of orders they thought they wanted.

Today's Sailors are benefiting from the lessons learned from years past, and now have the Career Options and Navy Skills Evaluation Program (CONSEP). The focus of this initiative is to emphasize the importance of Navy skills, talents, education and training, and to keep abreast of private sector trends which may leave Sailors at a disadvantage for future employment options.

John McAnally, the transition assistance program manager at the NAVSTA Pascagoula Fleet and Family Support Center, says that CONSEP provides local commands with a continuum of career development strategies.

"CONSEP is a mid-career workshop targeting Sailors with six to 12 years of active service, and who are within 18-24 months of their end of

obligated service date," McAnally said. "The workshops help Sailors make educated decisions in order to remain competitive throughout their careers."

Return on investment plays a big part in the reasoning behind the CONSEP workshops.

Did you know that by the time a Sailor reaches the mid-career point (6-12 years), the Navy has invested more than \$256,000? The same investment in a first-term Sailor is only about \$40,000.

"We try to get Sailors in the workshops to ask questions about where they are now and where they want to go," McAnally said. "We want them to ask themselves, 'Do I have the education and training that I need to do what I want to do? Have I developed skills in my knowledge areas? Am I growing as an individual and a professional? Am I seeking and getting positions in the military that help develop my skills? Are there ways that I can improve my knowledge, skills and abilities outside of my job?'"

The workshops are four days long, and offer individual skills and talent evaluation,

goal-setting techniques, and comparisons of civilian sector careers. The workshops also offer Navy continuation and upward mobility options, and methods that can be used to enhance financial stability. Upon completion of the workshops, participants are eligible for two college credits through the University of Colorado.

"CONSEP provides an excellent opportunity for Sailors to get valuable information regarding numerous Navy benefits and programs as they make decisions about the furtherance of their Navy careers," said Carolyn McCorvey, FFSC director. "It is a great retention program. Sailors participating in CONSEP are at the mid-career point, and they learn about, and can take advantage of, the many benefits the Navy has to offer that are not available in the private sector."

One full day of the CONSEP workshop is devoted to financial planning. Attendees receive a well-rounded look at all that is involved in financial planning, helping Sailors pinpoint areas that need more of their

attention.

The CONSEP curriculum was introduced to Navy commands in March 2001. In the past two years, Sailors who have taken advantage of the workshops have raved about the information provided.

"This is the best Navy course I have ever attended," said one Sailor. "The information presented will be extremely helpful to me in shaping the remainder of my career."

More than 99 percent of the people who have taken the workshops would recommend the class to their fellow shipmates.

CONSEP allows Sailors to envision their careers, and their future, and help translate that vision into action," McAnally added. "CONSEP prepares you to take the helm, chart your own journey, steer a true course, and successfully navigate the winds of career change."

Editor's note: Individual commands can schedule CONSEP workshops for their personnel by calling John McAnally at 761-2550, or 761-2096.

Survey reveals favorable equal opportunity climate

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

One of the things that makes a good command even better is teamwork. Teamwork must be learned, and it must be practiced on a regular basis.

One method the Navy uses to measure how a Navy 'team' or command works together is the Military Equal Opportunity Climate Survey (MEOCS).

The MEOCS is a confidential, command-requested organizational development survey which focuses on issues of equal opportunity and organizational effectiveness.

"The current survey was taken in December 2002, and

was offered to every member of the command" said MSC (SW) Rodney Shelton, the command's equal opportunity officer. "The completed surveys are then sent to the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to tally the results."

The surveys are distributed annually, and the results show the command leadership how particular groups of people feel about issues impacting the command.

Chief Shelton provided the results of the most recent survey at an 'All Hands' meeting.

"This survey did not identify any specific areas of concern," said Shelton. "This

means that we (as a command) are doing everything we can to ensure that all members of the Naval Station Pascagoula team are informed of their rights in relation to equal opportunity and are proactive in promoting a healthy working environment for all — free of bias, discrimination and harassment."

The survey is divided into 12 different factors. Factors 1 - 5 pertain to individual perceptions of equal opportunity behaviors within the command. Factors 6 - 8 measure individual commitment to the organization. Factors 9 - 11 measure general attitudes toward equal opportunity issues.

Factor 12 measures the overall, global assessment of the equal opportunity climate of the command.

"Naval Station Pascagoula is in line with the Navy as a whole, as well as with the entire Department of Defense in the area of equal opportunity climate. In most areas our command, as a whole, scored higher than the Navy or DoD averages," said Shelton.

"The 'team' that makes up Naval Station Pascagoula is a cohesive unit that gets the job done," he added. "Our people trust themselves, their coworkers, and the command leadership to make the right decisions."

Navy, Military News

Underage drinking is a universal problem

By CTC1(SW) Donna Coss
NPC Alcohol Abuse Prevention

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — An inordinate proportion of alcohol-related incidents in the Navy involve underage Sailors. In fiscal year 2002 underage Sailors accounted for 13.4 percent of personnel but they were involved in 31.2 percent of alcohol incidents. The majority of these incidents occur within the first two years of active duty service.

Many of these young Sailors seem to believe that their actions bear no consequences. They don't seem to understand the severity of alcohol-related incidents or the resulting damage that occurs to their careers. Frequently they incur multiple incidents, which result not only in lost work and training hours for themselves, but also for their shipmates who must assume additional responsibilities because of the incident. In the worst scenarios there is the ultimate loss of the Sailor due to separation, injury or death.

Navy Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (NADAP) program managers at Navy Personnel Command (PERS-6), have received several Administrative Separation waiver requests due to alcohol-related incidents. Upon review of the waiver request, a pattern usually emerges. A Sailor will incur an incident of underage drinking resulting in Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP) with the member being sent to treatment. Within six-months of treatment, the member will incur a more serious incident in conjunction with underage drinking.

During this time the Sailor will incur a few days of unauthorized absences (UA). Although, not documented as alcohol-related incidents, UAs are often associated with alcohol abuse. The individual again,

Sobering facts about alcohol

Can you recognize the warning symptoms of an alcohol problem? Here are some common signs:

- Drinking to forget worries or calm nerves
- Feeling guilty about drinking
- Lying about drinking
- Harming yourself or others as a result of drinking
- Needing to drink more to achieve the desired effect
- Irritable or unreasonable mood when not drinking
- Medical, family or financial problems caused by drinking.

Know your limit as to the number of drinks your body can tolerate. Avoid operating motor vehicles and heavy equipment if you have been drinking. If you choose to drink alcohol, do so responsibly.

goes to NJP for the incident and UAs. They are sent to treatment a second time, and history has shown that the Sailor will usually incur a third incident.

The majority of these underage members have only about 18 months of active service. During their first 18 months of active duty, the member may have incurred two to three alcohol-related incidents, at-

tended treatment, been awarded restriction, and yet continues to ignore the consequences of his behavior.

Only when the commanding officer submits a request for waiver does the Sailor realize that this behavior will not be tolerated and that they could soon be separated from the Navy. The majority of these types of waivers are not recommended for approval.

NADAP officials believe that proactive command involvement to change the mindset of young Sailors is the key to preventing and reducing alcohol related incidents. Command leadership and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Assistants (DAPAs) should start by defining the command population and assessing the risk level at the command.

Environmental issues, command atmosphere and location should also be considered. The entire chain of command should be probed for ideas on alternatives to alcohol consumption at command events and other means to reduce the availability of alcohol for underage Sailors.

A successful prevention program brings its message to Sailors early and often, conducting training regularly in both formal and informal settings. The Command DAPA should not be left to his or her own devices. The only way to combat underage alcohol abuse is to attack it as a team.

NAVSTA wardroom offers scholarship

By Stacey Byington
Public Affairs Officer

The Naval Station Pascagoula wardroom has teamed up with the First Command Educational Foundation, and is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior or enrolled college student.

All dependent children of active duty, retirees or deceased military in the vicinity of the station are eligible to apply. All applicants must be enrolled or have been accepted full time to a two- or four-year college or university, starting or continuing in the fall of 2003.

Applications are available from the NAVSTA command master chief's office or from

the commanding officer's secretary, Sara Stockfleth.

"Educational expenses are rising every year," said CMD CM(SW) Laurel Davis, NAVSTA Pascagoula's Command Master Chief. "This is a great opportunity for those who take advantage of it."

All applications must include a 500-1,000-word typed, double-spaced essay on the subject of "How has being a member of a military family affected your view of the world today?"

Applicants must also include a copy of the student's most current transcript, and SAT/ACT scores.

All applications must be returned completed, signed, with attached essays to Naval Sta-

tion Pascagoula, addressed to the Executive Officer. Application deadline is June 16. No late applications.

First Command provides scholarships annually to deserving dependents of American military professionals at many installations around the world.

More than \$160,000 was donated in 2001 through joint sponsorship between the First Command Educational Foundation and local representatives in various offices. In the past 18 years, more than \$2.3 million has been donated through this program.

The scholarship program is coordinated through designated groups at military installations worldwide.

Navy, Military News

'Top Gun' achieves photographic fame

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Serv.

WASHINGTON, May 14, 2003 – A Navy "Top Gun" was among more than 125 military and civilian photographers who fanned out across the globe on Oct. 22, 2002, to chronicle a day in the life of the U.S. armed forces.

CDR Thomas R. Twomey was pleased to have two of his photographs published in the book that resulted from the project. The volume, entitled "A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces," went on sale May 13.

But Twomey was even more pleased when the May 12 issue of U.S. News and World Report magazine hit the newsstands with one of his photographs on the cover.

That's not bad for a self-taught photographer whose regular job takes places in the back seat of a Navy F-14 fighter aircraft.

"I'm the naval flight officer, but in F-14s you call them radar intercept officers," Twomey said. "If you saw the movie 'Top Gun,' the guy in the back seat who runs the radars and radios – that's me."

Twomey didn't know his pictures were selected for the book or magazine until they were published. "I saw them (the pictures) this week for the first time," he noted. After he



Photo by Rudi Williams

CDR Thomas Twomey poses by a large poster of his photograph on the front cover of the May 12 issue of U.S. News and World Report magazine. The new book, "A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces," contains two of his photographs.

turned in his undeveloped film to the book's producers last fall, he said everything was "pretty much under wraps" until the recent press and book releases.

Furthermore, Twomey said even the "Day in the Life" folks had no idea which photo U.S. News would pick for its cover. The magazine's editors se-

lected Twomey's self-portrait in the back seat of an F-5E training aircraft over Fallon Naval Air Station, Nev., home of the "Top Gun" pilot school. The caption with that photo in the "Day in the Life" book reads: "These nimble planes are used as 'adversary' aircraft in training. But their lack of advanced electronics means they

have limited use in combat by U.S. forces."

"It's not a front-line fighter," said Twomey, "but it's a pretty neat plane. The photo is of the F-5E coming in at the end of the flight at Fallon. It was one of the last few pictures on the roll of film."

To take the photo during his flight mission, Twomey "devised a clamp system where you screw the camera onto a clamp and put the clamp on a little handle in front of the airplane."

"So your hands are free and the camera is riding up there with a cable release attached to it," he explained. "If you're not too busy doing the mission, you can just reach down and press the cable release to take a picture."

To gain photography skills, Twomey said he "just picked up bits and pieces and talked to other folks — civilians, some military — who had done this and gotten nice results. I asked them what kind of equipment and what kind of lens and film they use."

Twomey was one of about 60 photographers who attended the May 8 opening of an exhibit at the Women's Memorial in Arlington, Va., featuring photography from the "Day in the Life" book. He calls the volume "outstanding" and points out "the timing couldn't be better."

Deckplate input needed to shape Navy's future

By SM2(SW) Jonathan Page
Naval Surface Group 2

Following the CNO's guidance to "challenge all assumptions," while also providing a forum for fleet inputs to shape Seapower 21, Commander, Naval Surface Group Two (CNSG2) and Commander, Naval Surface Group Mid-Pac (CNSGMP), are leading a Surface Combatant Operational

Advisory Group (SC-OAG). The purpose of the SC-OAG is to collect, evaluate, and prioritize recommendations from the surface combatant fleet deckplates to be integrated and funded as Navywide priorities.

"We are collecting ideas and information that will allow us to focus our decisions on where to spend our dollars with the greatest return on investment for maximizing our Sur-

face Combatant War fighting capability," said RADM Derwood C. Curtis, Commander, Naval Surface Group Two. "The best sources I know for this information are on the deckplates of our surface combatants. This is a great opportunity for them to help shape our Seapower 21 vision."

SC-OAG is currently accepting inputs on systems, technical, tactical, and opera-

tional issues and requirements, as well as recommendations for new technologies, and improvements for training, doctrine, safety, readiness, and manpower distribution specific to each class platform. Issues are now being accepted via the SWONET (www.swonet.com) website, where a "Surface Combatant OAG input" folder is now available in an effort to

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MWR Activities

Amusement park salutes to the military

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) — Sailors and their families can take advantage of free or discounted tickets to several world-renowned theme parks as part of 2003 Amusement Park Salutes to the Military.

"We have a long-standing history of working with the amusement parks to provide Sailors and their families with discounted leisure opportunities," explained Karen Fritz, program manager for Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Section. "As a special thank you to our men and women in uniform, several organizations have individually designed their own salute to the U.S. Armed Forces," she said.

"Sailors and their families are encouraged to check with their local ITT office for details on the promotions, and for additional travel products, such as hotels and airline discounts, as well as discounts on additional leisure activities or special events while they're at the theme parks," Fritz added.

For information on additional discounts on hotels, air fares and other amusement parks, please contact Ruth Rotton at MWR's ITT Office, 761-2432, or visit Navy MWR's Web site.

2003 Amusement Parks Salutes to the Military include:

Anheuser Busch — Sea World/Busch Garden Theme Parks "Heroes Salute," May 23-Nov. 11, 2003. Free one-day admission to all Anheuser-Busch theme parks, including SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active-duty military, active Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct family members. Must obtain form from ITT. For details, please visit www.seaworld.com.

Universal — Orlando "Military Appreciation Program — Bonus Pass," May 13-Dec. 19, 2003. Free five-day bonus pass for active-duty military, Reservists, and National Guard.

The bonus pass is valid for Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure for a five-day period from the first day of visit. This pass also includes the City Walk Party Pass. Military ID must be presented to the front gate admissions to obtain this special pass. Additional family and friends: Up to five people can purchase the bonus pass at a 50 percent discount of \$50, plus tax.

Military spouses with a military ID may purchase this pass if the active member is still overseas. For more information, call 1-800-232-7827 or visit www.universalorlando.com.

Disney — Disneyland/California Adventure "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," May 12-Dec. 19, 2003. Free three-day ticket good for admission to both Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure parks. Active U.S. military personnel may make a one-time purchase of three-day Disney's armed forces Salute Companion Tickets during the offer period for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends for \$39 each. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

Disney — Disney World, Florida "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," May 12-Dec. 19, 2003. Free five-day ticket good for admission into the Walt Disney World theme parks, two Disney water parks, Pleasure Island and more. Each active member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary five-day "Disney's armed forces Salute" ticket during the offer period. During the offer period, active military personnel may also make

a one-time purchase of this same ticket for \$99, plus tax, for up to five family members (including spouse) or friends. For complete details, go to www.disneyland.com/military.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets can be obtained only at main entrance ticket windows. Active military personnel (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must present proper military identification.

To purchase the tickets for family members or friends, the servicemember must show the complimentary ticket issued to them. Activated members of the National Guard or Reservists (or, if they are not present, their spouses) must also show active duty orders. Tickets for family members or friends may be purchased only by the active servicemember or spouse, not both. Last day of use on "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" theme park tickets is no later than Dec. 19, 2003. A valid ID may be required for admission. This offer may not be combined with any other

offer. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts ticket information is available at military base ticket offices.

Disney Cruises — "Disney's Armed Forces Salute," June 19-Dec. 18, 2003. Disney Cruise Line is extending special rates to active military personnel. Disney Cruise Line offers seven-night cruise vacations to the eastern and western Caribbean, and three- and four-night cruises to the Bahamas.

On select sailings from June 19–Aug. 24, rates start at \$379 for a three-night cruise, \$429 for a four-night cruise and \$799 for a seven-night cruise. On select sailings from Aug. 28–Dec. 18, rates start at \$349 for a three-night cruise, \$399 for a four-night cruise and \$599 for a seven-night cruise. All rates are valid for standard inside staterooms. The number of staterooms available at these special rates is limited. For more information, military personnel can call Disney Cruise Line at (888) 325-2500.

Deckplate input needed ...

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make this program accessible for the entire Surface Warfare community. Classified inputs can be submitted via SIPRNET addresses also provided on the SWONET website.

These inputs will be reviewed during the first prioritization conference and consolidated into a list for inclusion in the budgeting process. The first prioritization conference is scheduled for July 2003 in Norfolk, Va.

The SC-OAG program was established by Commander Surface Force and gives Sailors at the deckplate level the opportunity to have their concerns heard at the highest levels. The SC-OAG's findings

will generate the surface combatant fleet's top-ten priority list for surface force war-fighting requirements.

"This is the fleet's chance to make a difference," said VADM Tim LaFleur, Commander, Naval Surface Force. "The Surface Combatant OAG will provide critical information for all aspects of Seapower 21 — Sea Strike, Sea Shield, and Sea Warrior. SEAPOW 21 can only work with inputs from the people who are going to execute the Seapower 21 vision — the officers, chiefs, and Sailors who are at the deck-plate level, training and operating today's surface combatants around the globe."



BATTLE OF MUDDLUMP

NAVSTA PASCAGOULA 11TH BIRTHDAY Celebration

JULY 1, 2, 3, 2003

COME OUT AND PLAY

TAKE THE MUDDLUMP CUP TO YOUR COMMAND OR DEPARTMENT FOR A YEAR

Represent your command or department in any or all of the competitions. Points will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event. Additional points will be given for command participation. The command or department accumulating the most points at the end of the events gets the trophy. Encourage everybody in your command to participate and get ready to have some fun!

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 1	Swim Relays	1100-1300	Base Pool
July 2	Fun Run	0700	Jogging Trail
July 2	Spades Tourney	1100-1300	Skeeter's
July 2	Paintball	1630	Paintball Field
July 3	Horseshoes	0800	Playground
July 3	Golf Shoot	0900-1100	Softball Field
July 3	Sand Volleyball	0930	Playground
July 3	Basketball	1000	Base Gym
July 3	Tug of War	1100	Playground
July 3	Wacky Relay	1130	Playground
July 3	Presentation of Muddlump Cup	1215	Skeeter's
July 3	Prize Drawings	1230	Skeeter's

WIN GREAT PRIZES FUN ACTIVITIES

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

To obtain a food booth for your organization or for more information call 761-2052

REGISTRATION PACKAGES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16.

MWR Activities

MWR Facilities Hours of operation

Outdoor Rental Building 87 761-2038

Mondays, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Tuesdays and
Wednesdays
Thursdays and Fridays,
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturdays, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CrackerJack's Lakeside

Now open in its new location. CrackerJack's has extended its hours of operation to include Saturday. Many new items have been added to the menu. Try the Blue Plate Specials Monday through Thursday. Others new menu items include po-boys, salads and specialty cookies.

Mondays-Thursday, 5-10 p.m.
Fridays, 5-11 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays,
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sports/Fitness Center Building 75 761-2107

Mondays-Fridays, 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays, noon-6 p.m.

Cyber Cafe Building 59

Mondays-Fridays, 4:30-10 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays,
11 a.m.-6 p.m.

ITT

Building 63
761-2432

Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Auto Skills Shop Lakeside

Tuesdays and Fridays,
4:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.

Skeeter's

Main Softball Field
Open for softball, other sporting events and special occasions.

NASCAR returns to CrackerJack's

Naval Station Pascagoula's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has a wide range of activities and events planned for June. They include:

Paintball **June 4, 11, 18, 25** **4:30 p.m.** **Paintball Field**

Challenge your friends to join you for a "Capture the flag" adventure on the paintball field. Play with as few as four players (two two-person teams) Capture the opposing team's flag and return it to your team's flag station without being tagged with a paintball. Play for up to four hours for only \$10, includes protective clothing, guns and 200 paintballs. Call 761-2293 or 761-2038 to reserve the field.

NASCAR on the Big Screen **CrackerJack's**

NASCAR returns to the Sunday sports line-up for the big screen.

June 1, MBNA America 400 at Dover (Del.) International Speedway, 11:30 a.m.

June 8, Pocono 500 at Pocono (Pa.) Raceway, 11:30 a.m.

June 15, Sirius Satellite Radio 400, Michigan International Speedway, 11:30 a.m.

June 22, Dodge/Save Mart 350, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, Calif., 1:30 p.m.

Softball **Coaches Meeting** **June 10, Noon** **Sports/Fitness Center**

The summer games begin June 17. The league is open to active duty, reservists, and DoD civilians. Games are played on the NAVSTA softball field on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning at 6 p.m. Register your team and get the league rules at the coaches meeting. Registration is free. For more information,

call the Sports & Fitness Center at 761-2107.

Home Run Derby **June 18, 11:30 a.m.** **NAVSTA Softball Field**

Put your swing to the test. The competition is free, and registration is not required. Open to all active duty, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information, call the Sports & Fitness Center at 761-2107.

4-on-4 Basketball **Coaches Meeting** **June 17, Noon** **Sports/Fitness Center**

League play begins June 24. Games will be played during lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register for the league by sending a representative to the coaches meeting. For more information, call the Sports and Fitness Center at 761-2107.

Dinner and a movie **June 18, 6:30 p.m.** **Cyber Cafe**

The Liberty Program is cooking tonight. Grab a plate and find a comfortable seat in front of the big screen and enjoy the movie.

Liberty Trip **Geyser Falls** **Water Park** **June 21, 7 a.m.** **Cyber Cafe**

Travel with Liberty to Northeast Mississippi for a day of cool fun on crystal blue waters and white sand beaches. Located near Philadelphia, the 22-acre park features about 19 attractions. More information on the Geyser Falls is available at IIT or online at www.geyserfalls.com.

Depart the Cyber Cafe at 7 a.m., and return after midnight. Get advance ticket from IIT for \$14.75. Transportation is

free. Food and souvenirs will be additional. Sign up for the trip no later than June 18 at IIT, Cyber Cafe or CrackerJack's. For more information, call the Liberty Program at 761-2293.

Liberty Trip **Six Flags New Orleans** **June 28, Noon** **Cyber Cafe**

Visit the area's newest and most exciting fun destination. Depart the Cyber Cafe at noon, arrive at the park about 2 p.m., and stay to enjoy the thrilling rides, shows, and other attractions until the park closes at 10 p.m. Get advance ticket from IIT for \$20. Transportation is free. Food and souvenirs will be additional. Sign up for the trip no later than June 26 at IIT, Cyber Cafe or CrackerJack's. For more information, call the Liberty Program at 761-2293.

Battle of Mudlump II **July 1-3**

Naval Station Pascagoula will be celebrating its 11th birthday with three days of competition and fun activities. Each command and department is invited to field teams for the various competitive events. Scoring is based on participation and points earned in each competition.

The Mudlum Cup is at stake, currently owned by the NAVSTA Public Works Department, last year's Mudlump champion.

Competitions begin July 1 and culminate on July 3 about 1 p.m. Food and beverages will be sold by various commands and military associations.

More than \$200 in prizes will be given away. Competition registration packages will be distributed during the week of June 16. For more information, or to register a food booth, call Wanda at 761-2052.

It's Pool Time at NAVSTA PAS

Base pool is open to Active Duty and Family Members,
DoD Civilians, Reservists and Military Retirees

Lap Swim

Monday - Friday
0600 - 0800 and 1100 - 1300



Family Swim

Active Duty and Under 11 Years Free
All others \$2.00
Family Pass for the season \$30.00

Monday
Through
Thursday

Friday

Saturday
Sunday
Holidays

1300 - 1800

1300 - 1600

1200 - 1800

Kids Swim Lessons

3 - 5 Years

\$45.00 Per Session
Limit 12 per session

6 Years and up

June 2 - 13

1000 - 1030
1030 - 1100
1700 - 1730

July 7 - 18

1000 - 1030
1030 - 1100
1700 - 1730



June 16 - 27

1000 - 1045
1300 - 1345
1700 - 1745

July 21 - Aug. 13

0900 - 0945
1000 - 1045
1700 - 1745

Water Aerobics

(Starting June 10)

Tuesday and Thursday
1600 - 1700



To register for classes or for more information visit or call

Sport and Fitness Center

761-2107

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Groves crewmembers aid the less fortunate in NYC...

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Manning their stations alongside the civilian volunteers the eager crewmembers of the Groves spooned up mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and a variety of other healthy dishes. Like every day, the soup kitchen was extremely busy, and the church's volunteers valued the assistance of the Navy personnel.

According to the Program Coordinator for Holy Apostle Soup Kitchen, Clyde Kuemmerle, one child in six in the United States goes to bed hungry each night. Kuemmerle concluded his comments by saying, "the volunteers, including the Navy, are important to the effort."

Officers and senior enlisted personnel rolled up their sleeves, scraped trays, and performed duties usually reserved

for Seaman performing their first tour in the mess decks. It's not common to see a Master-At-Arms slinging mixed vegetables but MA1 (SW) Johnny Cahoon seemed right at home. He was, however, surprised at the pace.

"I can't believe they feed this many people," he said, but quickly added he was having fun.

Across town at Bellvue Hospital, situated at the east end of 27th Street Sailors from the USS Yorktown (CG 48) also contributed their part in helping the Manhattan community by reading to hospitalized children. More than 10 community relation projects like these receive volunteer assistance from Sailors during Fleet Week.



U.S. Navy Photo by JO2 Leif HerrGessell, NMCRC Rochester

SK1(SW) Marlen Rich, off the USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29), and Rastaman Fitzroy Frederick pause at the iced tea station during a luncheon provided by Holy Apostle Church. The sailors from the Groves helped out the community during the 16th annual Fleet Week celebration in NYC. Two Pascagoula ships, the Groves and the USS Yorktown (CG 48) were among the 14 ships representing 4 countries taking part in the New York City Fleet Week activities.



Naval Station Pascagoula USO has new hours and a new special menu. To celebrate the USO's 2-year anniversary, the first five patrons on June 3 and 4 will receive a free lunch special. Bring this ad. Avoid the rush, as the USO now opens at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget 'Steak Night' every Wednesday.

Personal Classifieds

Homes

FOR SALE: Home for sale in Gautier, \$112,000. Spacious 3-BR, 2 full baths. Single-family home in Hickory Hills. Central air, swimming pool, fireplace. Contact Kim or Tracey 872-5526.

FOR SALE or RENT: Brick home in East Central School District. \$70,000 to buy, or \$750 plus utilities per month to rent. 3 BR, 2 bathrooms, 1,600 sq. ft. of living space. Fenced backyard, screened back porch with large hot tub. 18'X30' ft. detached work shop in backyard, with boat storage. Off-street parking in single attached carport. Located 5 miles north of I-10 off Hwy. 63. Call (228) 475-3722 or (228) 366-0046/0047.

FOR RENT: 5107 Friar Tuck, Pascagoula, \$700 per month. 3 BR, 2 full bathrooms, fenced yard, 2-car garage, central heat/air, W/D hook-up. Call Mr. Johnson at 696-2680.

Automobiles/Boats

FOR SALE: 1990 sky-blue Geo Storm in good condition, \$900 or best offer. Needs new CV-joints, engine runs great. For more information call 761-2019.

FOR SALE: 2001 Larson 18.5 ft. Fish and Ski. 115 Johnson motor (low hours), 'tilt' trailer, many accessories.

\$14,000 or best offer. Call 497-3109.

FOR SALE: 1989 Oldsmobile 88, \$1,500. 2-door, runs good, good gas mileage. Call 497-3148 after 4:30 p.m.

Home Furnishings

FOR SALE: 50-gallon salt-water tank, everything included, \$200. Call BMC(SW) Shepard, 761-2310 (wk.), 875-9095 (hm.).

FOR SALE: Full-size washer and dryer, \$75. Futon frame w/mattress and cover, \$25. Dresser w/mirror, \$40. Call Jennifer at 761-2096 (day-time), or 313-6560 (night).

FOR SALE: Large corner computer desk, wood-colored with black work top, \$50.00. Call Carl at 522-1513.

FOR SALE: Little Tykes cottage twin bed, \$100. Fantastic condition, needs mattress. Call 762-0052 after 3 p.m.

FOR SALE: Glass-top coffee table, \$50 or best offer. Rectangular, measuring approximately 4 ft. long by 2 ft. wide. The base support is 2 pillars. Also selling 2 single 10-in. speaker boxes for single-cab pickup, with 2 Sony 'Xplod' 10-in. subs, and Rockford Fosgate 300S 2-channel amplifier, \$200 or best offer. Call FC2 (SW) Underwood at 761-2380.